

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at line 5 of page 1 of the application:

RELATED APPLICATION AND PRIORITY INFORMATION

This application is the U.S. national application of International Application PCT/JP2004/001776, filed February 18, 2004, entitled "Porous Body and Method for Producing the Same," which claims foreign priority benefits from Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-044201, filed February 21, 2003. Each above identified application is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.